

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California Area and light in all other Areas. Nationally, 141 new fires were reported. Six new large fires were reported, two in the Northwest Area and one each in the Northern Rockies, Southern California, Northern California and Southern Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Rocky Mountain and Southern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by LTC Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned to the Fish Creek Complex in western Montana.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Ball Creek, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Middle Fork Complex, Trapper Creek Complex, Crazy Horse, High and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Rounsaville) is assigned to manage Lincoln Complex, Winslow, East Complex, Rough Draw Complex, Cathedral Peak Complex, Rathbone and Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex. An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Cherry Creek Complex, Mineral-Primm/Boles Meadow, Fish Creek Complex, Black Mountain 2, Cooney Ridge and Gold 1. An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Sapp, Slim's Complex, Fiddle, Beaver Lake, Cayuse Lake Complex, and Clear/Nez Fire Use Complex.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A transfer of command from Ferguson's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Mortier's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today. This incident, comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Wounded Buck, Doe, Dead Buck, and Blackfoot Lake fires, is in timber 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT. Burn out operations were successful on the Beta Lake and Doris Mountain fires. Structure protection is in place for 200 residences.

BALL CREEK, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Big Fork, MT. Small uphill runs with multiple tree torching were observed. Firefighters withdrew from the line in the afternoon due to increased fire activity. This incident will become a part of the Blackfoot Lake Complex today.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Fire growth occurred on parts of the fire; interior torching and crowning were observed. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Belton, Center and Harrison fires, is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. Short runs were observed. The fires are being monitored with no suppression actions planned.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, ten miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Gusty winds and low humidity levels caused increased torching with short range spotting. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

HIGH, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 23 miles northeast of Seeley Lake, MT. Fire behavior was minimal with creeping and smoldering.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Smoldering, creeping, and short upslope surface fire runs were observed. Most divisions (south and west portions of the fire) have been placed into a patrol status. Crews assigned to the Robert Fire focused their efforts on extinguishing remaining hotspots in the Lake McDonald area on the northeast portion of the fire. Rehabilitation of suppression-related resource damage continued today on cooler portions of the fire. Five Montana National Guard crews arrived in camp today. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Smoldering, creeping, isolated torching and short upslope runs were observed. The fires remain in a monitoring status. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Smoldering, creeping and occasional single tree torching, primarily in interior islands, were observed on the Moose-Wasson fire. The Snow-Talon fire made several significant runs with multi-tree torching, short duration crown runs and short range spotting. The Moose-Wasson fire is 95% contained; containment is expected today. The Snow-Talon Fire continues to spread North in the Scapegoat Wilderness. It is burning actively in the Falls Creek and Baking Powder drainages and has reached the Continental Divide. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences and 20 commercial properties.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Crowning and torching with short runs were observed. Firefighters continued to make good progress in the burnout operation along Highway 20. Aerial resources assigned to the incident were assisting in the suppression of a new start southwest of the incident near Reservation Peak yesterday afternoon. Structure protection is in place for 31 residences and 43 commercial properties.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Active fire behavior was observed with group torching and short crown runs in the interior. The fire remained within control lines. The voluntary evacuation of Lakeview remains in place. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX, Custer National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cathedral Peak, Oliver and Salderbalm fires, is in timber 10 miles south of Nye, MT. Fire behavior included multiple torching, short upslope crown runs and short range spotting. The West Fork of the Stillwater trail and road remain closed to non-local traffic due to the threat of the Saderbalm fire. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences and one commercial property.

BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hendricks) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires, is four miles northwest of Neihart, MT. Extreme fire behavior was observed with sustained crown runs, 200 foot flame lengths and spotting up to one mile on the Ant Park fire. Power poles were damaged by fire runs.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT, is comprised of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Brundage, Walbrun and Hawley fires. The Brundage fire experienced moderate growth. Active backing with interior torching was observed on the Rough Draw and Slippery Rock fires.

RAMPAGE COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Double Mountain, River View No. 1, Riverview No. 2 and Rampage, is in timber 15 miles southeast of West Glacier, MT. Smoldering with occasional flare-ups was observed. The fires are in patrol and monitor status.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cherry Creek and Tepee Creek fires, is in lodgepole pine with heavy ground fuels, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Minimal fire activity was observed. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. This incident is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. High temperatures, winds and low humidity levels resulted in active fire behavior yesterday afternoon. Several runs at unsecured perimeters were observed. The first day of combined operations of the Mineral-Primm and Boles Meadow fires went smoothly. Crews worked aggressively on both fires to secure lines prior to onset of the winds.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stam) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned. Military deployment on fire lines will begin today. This incident is comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. Active interior burning with short uphill crown runs was observed. Some perimeter growth was experienced along the northwest flank toward Bear Creek and the West Fork of Fish Creek. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Multiple tree torching with short range spotting was observed. The fire crossed the East Fork of O'Brien Creek as a result of active spotting and gusty afternoon winds. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is in timber eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Isolated single and group tree torching, creeping and smoldering were observed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Fire activity picked up due to an increase in temperature and a decrease in humidity levels. The fire was smoldering, creeping and backing with single and group tree torching. Aerial resources continued to effectively prevent the fire from spreading eastward toward the Lolo/Bitterroot divide.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Slim's and Poet fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Fire activity was minimal with isolated smoldering on the Slim's Fire. Only heavy pockets of fuel and sheltered areas retained heat. Isolated smoldering and occasional torching were observed on the Poet Fire.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. This fire is in timber and grass, 22 miles south/southeast of Elk City, ID. Isolated smoldering was observed with heat retention only in scattered heavy fuels. Structure protection remains in place at Allison, Yellow Pine, White Water, Mallard and Cook Ranches. Firefighters began hot-spotting and cold trailing along the northern flank of the fire. Structure protection is in place for 22 residences and one commercial property.

FIDDLE, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) will assume command today. This fire is in timber, six miles northeast of Riggins, ID. Minimal fire behavior was observed. A spot fire was discovered 200 feet to the northwest of the main fire.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes, North Howard and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Continued drying, lower humidity levels and increased winds resulted in an early and sustained increase in fire behavior. Surface fire, torching, short crowning runs, and short range spotting were observed throughout the complex. Structure protection is in place for 61 residences and 51 commercial properties.

CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This incident, comprised of 40 fires, is in timber 41 miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Interior burning was observed on some fires. All fires in this complex are suppression fires managed under a confinement strategy.

RATHBONE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 17 miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. Fire behavior was extreme with torching and long-range spotting. The fire made a major run into Yellowstone National Park; it increased in size by over 3,000 acres. Highway 191 has been closed. Structure protection is in place for one residence.

MOLLMAN, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Ronan, MT. Active torching was observed. Tribal forests and rangelands remain closed.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles east of Ashton, ID. Fire behavior was minimal with smoldering and creeping. The fire is not currently staffed.

BULL ELK, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 32 miles northeast of Roy, MT. Firefighters monitored hot spots and mopped up along the fire perimeter.

GOLD CHEST. Idaho Panhandle National Forest. This fire is in timber and grass, two miles southeast of Murray, ID. Spotting and minor torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 35 residences and 5 commercial properties.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	1,409	0	UNK	397	17	7	0	0	335K
BALL CREEK	MT	FNF	260	0	UNK	103	6	0	0	0	3M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	45,100	60	09/15	447	7	26	5	36	25.8M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	2,027	0	09/15	20	0	4	0	0	5K
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	10,169	35	UNK	555	16	29	6	0	7.9M
HIGH	MT	FNF	120	0	UNK	47	0	1	1	0	485K
ROBERT	MT	FNF	45,998	65	09/20	623	13	43	4	3	22.3M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	26,176	65	09/05	21	1	0	0	1	3.4M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	34,905	35	UNK	813	21	38	0	1	5.2M
EAST COMPLEX	WY	YNP	23,500	45	08/31	720	21	11	7	0	5.3M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	13,000	35	UNK	258	4	15	1	0	4.5M
CATHEDRAL PEAK COMPLEX	MT	CNF	2,314	2	UNK	206	2	8	4	0	3.3M
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	2,750	40	UNK	543	13	21	2	0	2.9M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	3,080	70	UNK	327	3	10	2	0	6.1M
RAMPAGE COMPLEX	MT	GNP	252	0	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	4,088	85	UNK	459	10	7	3	0	7.2M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	LNF	22,468	60	10/15	1,145	28	33	7	0	11.8M
FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	LNF	30,856	22	UNK	895	18	50	8	0	6.0M
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	7,050	70	09/02	991	23	58	6	5	8.5M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	24,000	50	10/15	1,235	39	56	5	0	7.2M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	8,296	65	09/10	414	11	3	5	0	5.5M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	14,847	50	UNK	533	16	8	8	0	17.8M
SAPP	ID	NPF	11,367	35	UNK	168	4	7	0	0	1.2M
FIDDLE	ID	NPF	708	90	08/28	225	7	0	4	0	381K
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	22,997	45	UNK	1,113	28	63	5	0	11.3M
CAYUSE LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	9,892	NR	UNK	10	0	0	1	0	365K
RATHBONE	MT	GNF	3,122	10	UNK	97	3	0	2	0	540K
MOLLMAN	MT	FHA	158	30	UNK	6	0	0	1	0	35K
UNION	WY	YNP	726	0	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	7K
BULL ELK	MT	CMR	300	85	08/27	55	1	8	1	0	NR
GOLD CHEST	ID	IPF	110	75	08/28	121	2	6	2	0	94K
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX –WFU	MT	FNF	35,000	N/A	N/A	80	0	0	1	1	1.4M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX –WFU	ID	CWF	10,029	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	0	0	294K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. The fires are in timber with heavy ground fuels. The Bear Butte fire is actively burning on three fronts with short range spotting. The Booth fire was very active with torching, spotting and short crown runs. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. Structure protection is in place for 1,000 residences and 12 commercial properties. State Highway 20 remains closed for through traffic.

LIGHTNING COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Grouse Creek, Haas Ridge, Butcherknife and Two Corral fires, 31 miles east of Joseph, OR. Smoldering and small amounts of creeping were observed. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

TOGO MOUNTAIN, Colville National Forest. Preparations for a transfer of command from Jennings' Washington Interagency Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization are being made for this weekend. This fire is in timber, three miles east of Danville, WA. Fire activity was moderate in most divisions; isolated torching along the fireline was observed. Forest closures are still in effect for the fire area.

WILCOX, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, brush and grass, 15 miles northeast of Tonasket, WA. Minimal fire behavior with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 23 residences.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This complex is, comprised of the Mineral, Found Lake, Emerald Lake and 12 other un-staffed fires, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. The Mineral Park and Emerald Lake fire were very active in timber and brush. The Found Lake fire was suppressed by smokejumpers and declared out.

JOHNSON LAKE, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber and grass, four miles north of Nespelem, WA. Minimal fire was observed.

SQUARE LAKE FIRE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in continuous old growth forest, heavy brush and downed fuels, 20 miles west of Leavenworth, WA. Creeping and smoldering were observed.

NORTH ZONE COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in heavy timber, six miles southeast of Darrington, WA. The complex is comprised of seven lightning fires which are in patrol status and being managed with a containment strategy. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	38,187	20	UNK	1,673	46	61	9	13	4.8M
LIGHTNING COMPLEX	OR	WWF	15,436	65	8/30	459	11	13	5	1	1.8M
TOGO MOUNTAIN	WA	COF	5,375	90	8/27	879	25	37	7	0	6.7M
WILCOX	WA	OWF	440	95	8/27	313	8	18	2	0	1.2M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	150	35	9/15	NR	0	0	2	0	43K
JOHNSON LAKE	WA	COA	430	90	8/27	202	7	12	1	2	NR
SQUARE LAKE FIRE	WA	OWF	150	0	9/3	40	0	0	1	0	15K
NORTH ZONE COMPLEX	WA	MSF	250	95	UNK	54	1	7	2	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKWATER COMPLEX, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Wendt) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Blackwater and Norris fires, 30 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire activity included short crown runs, cross canyon spotting and active burning on the flanks. Large acreage growth on the Blackwater is due to extreme fire behavior. No crews were assigned due to safety concerns. Structure protection is in place for ten residences and two commercial properties.

BOULDER BASIN 2, Shoshone National Forest. Preparations for a transfer of command from Hill's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization are being made. This fire is in grass, sagebrush and timber, 25 miles southwest of Cody, WY. Short interior crown runs in addition to single and group torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 20 commercial properties.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This fire is in blow-down and bug-killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. A few isolated hotspots were observed. The fire is in monitor status.

NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX, Bighorn National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Little Horn 2 and Riley Point fires, is 35 miles northwest of Sheridan, WY. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKWATER COMPLEX	WY	SHF	6,000	50	9/15	218	5	1	3	0	450K
BOULDER BASIN 2	WY	SHF	10,500	65	9/15	207	6	3	3	0	1.1M
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	50	11/01	14	0	0	1	0	390K
NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX	WY	BHF	8,250	75	UNK	48	2	5	2	0	3.3M
FOUR RIM	WY	RSD	320	100	---	70	0	7	1	0	206K

RSD = Rock Springs Field Office (Southwest Zone), Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. Isolated torching with smoldering and creeping was observed. The North Fork Lick fire is in monitor status; containment efforts are focused on the Marble fire. Structure protection is in place for 123 residences and two commercial properties.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Cougar, Marble, Prospect, Mahoney, Teapot, Falconberry and Trapper fires, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Fires within the complex continued to move slowly upslope; isolated pockets of fuel were burning with little spread.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. No growth has been reported on any of the fires for several days. No further information was received.

RICHARDSON, Payette National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) is assigned. Sexton's Type 1 Incident Management Team is also managing the Sapp and Slim's Complex fires. The Richardson fire is in timber ten miles east of Dixie, ID. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	8,219	30	UNK	199	2	5	3	0	5.5M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	ID	SCF	22,979	NR	UNK	66	1	0	1	6	843K
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	715	0	9/30	0	0	0	0	0	NR
RICHARDSON	ID	PAF	1,451	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MOSS RIDGE – WFU	WY	BTF	3,085	N/A	N/A	40	0	0	1	0	60K
CLEAR CREEK – WFU	WY	BTF	270	N/A	N/A	11	0	0	0	0	112K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	3,389	N/A	N/A	12	0	0	0	0	350K

BTF = Bridger-Teton National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	1,051	N/A	N/A	26	2	0	1	0	81K
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	575	N/A	N/A	12	0	0	0	0	18K
COONEY – WFU	CA	SQF	1,928	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	77K
COOPERSTOWN	CA	TCU	2000	100	---	32	0	9	0	0	NR

STF = Stanislaus National Forest KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP SQF = Sequoia National Forest
 TCU = Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SANTA CLARA COMPLEX, Santa Clara Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This complex, composed of 22 lightning fires within the area, is in chaparral, timber and grass, ten miles south of Livermore, CA. Dry lightning passed through the area yesterday morning; new starts continued to pop up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SANTA CLARA COMPLEX	CA	SCU	2,200	12	9/1	866	36	60	5	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

CAVE, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 27 miles northeast of McNeal, AZ. The fire is being managed under a confinement strategy. Creeping fire with isolated torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CAVE	AZ	CNF	200	85	8/29	1	0	0	0	0	1K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUFF CREEK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is in heavy mesquite, oak and brush, 30 miles northwest of Abilene, TX. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUFF CREEK	TX	TXS	120	70	8/27	35	0	1	0	0	NR

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACK HILLS – WFU	AK	AKS	41,600	N/A	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	NR

AKS = Alaska Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: In northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills/Badlands of western South Dakota for strong shifting winds.

Red Flag Warnings: In Montana and North Dakota for gusty winds and thunderstorms.

Weather Discussion: A cold front will be moving across Montana today with moisture generally from eastern Montana through Wyoming and Utah then southward toward Arizona and New Mexico. Drier air will be spreading across the Pacific Northwest, California and Nevada.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Gusty winds with isolated to scattered thunderstorms.	Idaho: 80s Montana: 75 to 85 west and 80s to mid 90s east. North Dakota: 90s west and 80s east.	Idaho: 20 to 30% Montana: 20 to 30% west of the divide and 15 to 25% east of the divide. North Dakota: 30 to 40%	Idaho: West 5 to 15 mph Montana: West and west to northwest 15 to 30 mph with gusts 40 mph at times. North Dakota: Southeast to southwest 10 to 25 mph.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Becoming partly cloudy with isolated to scattered thunderstorms. A few storms could be dry over northern Wyoming and western South Dakota.	80s to lower 90s lower elevations, 70s in the mountains.	13 to 20% north central and northeast Wyoming, with 20 to 30% elsewhere.	Shifting winds at 15 to 30 mph over northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills region. Southerly flow 15 to 30 mph across the plains South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. Variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in eastern Idaho and the Bridger-Teton. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 64 to 82 mountains, 74 to 90 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 65 to 82 higher elevations, 75 to 86 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 14 to 24% west, 21 to 45% east. Utah, Arizona Strip: 20 to 45%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West 5 to 10 mph. Gusty winds near storms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Northwest 10 to 15 mph in the north, upslope 5 to 15 mph in the south. Gusty winds near storms.

<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny except becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms over the mountains and deserts south and east of Cajon Pass in the afternoon.</p>	<p>70 to 80 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 100 upper desert. 100 to 110 low desert.</p>	<p>15 to 30% desert. 20 to 35% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog near the shore and into some of the nearby drainages. Otherwise, mostly sunny with a few cumulus over the higher peaks and ridges.</p>	<p>60s and 70s near the coast, 80s to low 90s higher terrain, and 90s to near 102 inland valleys.</p>	<p>50% or more along the coast, 15 to 30% inland, except 10 to 20% east of the Sierra-Cascade crest.</p>	<p>South to southwest 4 to 8 mph with afternoon gusts to 15 mph in the afternoon, except southeast to southwest 6 to 12 mph with afternoon gusts 15 to 25 mph along and east of the Sierra-Cascade crest.</p>
<p>SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms, most numerous much of eastern Arizona, western / northern New Mexico</p>	<p>70 to 80 mountains, around 85 to near 100 lower elevations.</p>	<p>20 to 30% most areas, 40% and above much of Arizona.</p>	<p>Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except south 10 to 20 mph across eastern New Mexico / western Texas.</p>
<p>EASTERN AREA Partly cloudy and becoming breezy across the western two thirds of Minnesota</p>	<p>74 to 82 across the western Great Lakes</p>	<p>32 to 42% over parts of Minnesota and Iowa.</p>	<p>South to southeast winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph across the western two thirds of Minnesota.</p>



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WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					3	2	5
Northern California	FIRES					18	2	20
	ACRES					9	0	9
Southern California	FIRES		9		3	9	9	30
	ACRES		11		1	10	3	25
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			0	5	7	13
	ACRES	1			2,796	3	5,299	8,099
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			1	4	8
	ACRES		4			2	3	9
Western Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES		2			3	14	19
	ACRES		0			3	2	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1			1		6	8
	ACRES	0			5		4	9
Eastern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					29		29
Southern Area	FIRES					8	2	10
	ACRES					129	6	135
TOTAL	FIRES	2	14	0	4	71	50	141
	ACRES	1	15	0	2,802	188	5,319	8,325

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	380	12	438
	ACRES	20	40,271	227,973	3,712	258,503	2	530,481
Northwest	FIRES	204	191	10	37	1,401	965	2,808
	ACRES	18,297	17,891	9	20	45,609	163,793	245,619
Northern California	FIRES	104	66	7	6	1,834	710	2,727
	ACRES	56	11,579	2	6,511	18,284	16,556	52,988
Southern California	FIRES	51	108	10	49	2,101	691	3,010
	ACRES	854	2,536	360	219	32,873	6,965	43,807
Northern Rockies	FIRES	821	59	32	76	900	1,367	3,255
	ACRES	56,140	107,422	23,165	68,356	141,633	229,159	625,875
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	703	4	35	562	865	2,221
	ACRES	18,460	131,686	1,060	2,633	28,820	128,523	311,182
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	373	1	11	109	136	635
	ACRES	1	10,885	0	6	1,938	2,866	15,696
Southwest	FIRES	780	178	5	56	864	1,957	3,840
	ACRES	36,599	5,887	284	3,550	16,157	202,793	265,270
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	176	740	39	45	948	610	2,558
	ACRES	15,564	14,313	1,963	783	16,610	40,681	89,914
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	32	9,248	445	10,696
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	703	109,353	5,550	174,682
Southern Area	FIRES	140		42	11	11,405	329	11,927
	ACRES	21,570		11,049	756	185,237	8,832	227,444
TOTAL	FIRES	3,239	2,432	237	368	29,752	8,087	44,115
	ACRES	219,747	342,470	272,755	87,249	855,017	805,720	2,582,958

Ten Year Average Fires	61,612
Ten Year Average Acres	3,484,669

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2,000					2,000
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			163				163
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	2,000	163	0	0	0	2,163

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	19	3		9	24	56
	ACRES	18	12,291	300		910	6,200	19,719
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	232	308
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,300	118,154
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		314	16	452	201	1,006
	ACRES	10,562		56,649	1,823	78,537	26,889	174,460
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,199	14,758
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,126	1,886,963
TOTAL	FIRES	172	178	897	133	13,669	2,561	17,610
	ACRES	43,733	55,632	240,459	106,508	848,220	1,073,058	2,367,610

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			41,600				41,600
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				42		21	63
	ACRES				709		2,622	3,331
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		70	73
	ACRES				602		41,279	41,881
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				4		26	30
	ACRES				365		18,632	18,997
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		17	25
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24		2		3	29
	ACRES		1,546		0		1,869	3,415
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	30	1	68	0	143	242
	ACRES	0	1,548	41,600	7,874	0	224,162	275,184

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	13	407	2,218	178,776
Yukon Territory	0	0	69	32,411
Alberta	4	0	1,002	48,984
Northwest Territory	0	19,253	157	124,857
Saskatchewan	8	1,600	596	126,964
Manitoba	2	41,030	1,106	470,930
Ontario	0	289	861	300,128
Quebec	0	1,499	644	71,262
Newfoundland	1	0	160	24,893
New Brunswick	2	0	189	186
Nova Scotia	3	0	247	1,287
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	100	99	132,317
Total	34	64,178	7,348	1,512,996

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska		5								
Northwest	47	75	32	139	4	32	2		759	454
Northern California	6	36	16	60	1	5				110
Southern California	17	12	22	54	8	4			3	21
Northern Rockies	198	148	166	426	42	62			2160	1744
Eastern Great Basin	2	8	23	4	10	2			183	37
Western Great Basin										
Southwest		1							2	
Rocky Mountain	12		16	13	6	4			98	110
Eastern Area									12	
Southern Area				29		1				4
Total	282	285	275	725	71	110	2	0	3217	2480

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